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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on December 18, 2002, applicant requests that this application be amended as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 9.

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 10 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of identifying a wound care protocol for a given wound or wound prevention protocol appropriate for a given patient comprising:

classifying the wound or patient against a defined scale for a first wound factor, which is a defined wound assessment factor or defined wound risk assessment factor to obtain a wound classification;

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